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TAGS: CASC (SHAW, ARTHUR AND GLORIA DORIS SHAW)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REPATRIATION LOAN BY MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR SHAW)

REFS: (A) COLOMBO 3160; (B) FRANKFURT 7285

1. WHEN CONSULAR OFFICER COLOMBO INFORMED MR. SHAW OF CONTENT OF FRANKFURT'S MESSAGE, MR. SHAW SURPRISINGLY CALMLY SAID HE HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO TRAVEL TO FRANKFURT ON CONDOR CHARTER TO SEEK CHARTERED, LESS EXPENSIVE FLIGHT TO NEW YORK THAN ONE QUOTED HIM BY TWA COLOMBO.

2. CONSULAR OFFICER CAREFULLY OUTLINED THREE SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES; EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT POSSIBLY AT INEXPENSIVE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL IN COLOMBO AND REPATRIATION FROM SRI LANKA; TRAVEL TO FRANKFURT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AS SUGGESTED REF (B); OR, IF DOCTOR APPROVED DELAY, TRAVEL TO FRANKFURT WHERE HE WOULD CONTINUE AT LATER DATE BY AIR TO NEW YORK FOR SURGERY.

3. SHAW STATED HE HAD ALREADY SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED FIRST ALTERNATIVE (PREVIOUSLY REJECTED NOVEMBER 8) BUT UPON ADVICE DOCTOR AND SRI LANKA FRIEND WHOSE JUDGEMENTS HE TRUSTS REJECTED IT. SECOND ALTERNATIVE AGAIN REJECTED. UPON CONSULAR OFFICER'S SUGGESTION, SHAW SAID HE WOULD CALL COLOMBO DOCTOR AND LATER TELEPHONED CONSULAR OFFICER TO CONFIRM HIS CHOICE OF THIRD ALTERNATIVE.

4. CONSULAR OFFICER EXPLAINED TO SHAW THAT AMCONGEN FRANKFURT LIKE AMEMBASSY COLOMBO IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO SEEK ALL POSSIBLE

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM U.S. CITIZEN'S FAMILY OR FRIENDS

BEFORE U.S. GOVERNMENT REPATRIATION LOAN CAN BE CONSIDERED.

5. WITH SENSE OF PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED URGENCY REMOVED, CONSULAR OFFICER SUGGESTED SHAW USE CHARTER AGENCY IN FRANKFURT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CHARTER FLIGHTS TO U.S. AND HELP HIM FIND INEXPENSIVE ACCOMMODATIONS, CALL AMCONGEN DURING WORKING HOURS ON MONDAY, AND SEEK DOCTOR'S ADVICE IN FRANKFURT IF CONDITION TAKES SUDDEN TURN FOR THE WORSE.

6. IC: #, & 3 9* .99\$ *49. 5#-5 9* ,9;3.734 8, SHAW EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS BY AMEMBASSY COLOMBO AND AMCONGEN FRANKFURT. SHAW'S DEPARTED COLOMBO FOR FRANKFURT ON CONDOR CHARTER AT 1330 HOURS NOVEMBER 9.
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